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LOYAL LECTURES.

PSALM cxvi, 12 and 17 VERSES.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His Benefits towards me?—I will offer unto Him the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of The Lord.—

GRATITUDE is a generous, pleasing Passion, and beats high in every good Heart. When its object is merely human the sensibilities which it inspires are sublime—but, when its object is God, our souls feel as if touched by a Seraph, with a live-coal from the Altar of Hea-

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ven." To what a height, then, of holy transport must this Passion have been elevated, at the period of his writing this thanksgiving Psalm, in the Mind of DAVID—A Mind, of such a vivid Virtue—of such a quick sense of favors—and so full of spiritual Animation?

When the royal Author, of this sacred Song of Praise, sat down to compose it, he seems to have been so overpowered by the Feelings of his Gratitude, after taking a retrospective view of all God's Goodness to him, as to be, for some time, at a loss for language to express his exquisitely lively sense of it.—And even when, the high tide of his Emotions had, in some degree, subsided, and he attempts to pen down, or speak aloud, the Ardors of his thankful Heart, we think, we see

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THE ROYAL HERO, as if no sublunary Being could adequately assist him, raising up his Soul to God and his Eye to ANGELS, that, from the contemplation of the ONE and the Example of the OTHER He might be inspired to acknowledge, as he wished to do, the many marvellous Mercies, and the many signal Deliverances, which he had, first and last, received from Heaven.

In some such Soliloquy, as the following may we suppose DAVID to have expressed himself on this occasion.

“What shall I render unto the LORD—what Language, what Love, what Services, and Honors—for all His Benefits towards me?”—“How precious have been thy thoughts, O God, unto me!

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The Sum of them how exceeding, how infinitely great !"—

From the earliest period of my Being, my God hath been with me, and distinguished me, in a most remarkable manner, by ten thousand expressions of his loving kindness and tender mercies. He spoke me from nothing into Existence, and "curiously wrought me in the lowest parts of the earth."—The ever-waking Eye of his Providence "watched over my substance, yet being imperfect." "In His Book all my Members were written:" and, in his good time, he formed and fashioned them by the hand of divine Wisdom.—Soon as He brought me to the World and presented me on the Stage of Time, I found myself encircled in the Arms of a fond Mother,
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and every thing provided for me that could make this new state of Being prove pleasing.—Through all the years of my helpless Infancy, through all the Years of my thoughtless Childhood, the same good God, with a Vigilance divinely tender, cared for and preserved me from the numberless perils and the numberless Evils to which my Innocence and Inexperience exposed me.—Early in my Youth, I was very highly favored, “above my fellows,” in Matters of religious and eternal Moment.—My God not only blessed me with Parents who taught me Religion by precept, and endeared it to me by Example; but He also sent me his PROPHETS and his PRIESTS, to unfold to me all the Mysteries and to display all the wonders of His LAW.

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It was my God, too, who formed me by His Power, and inspired me by His Spirit, for WAR. It was my God who led me up to the martial Field—who always covered my Head in the day of Battle—who armed me with the Shield of His Salvation—and crowned my Arms with Success and Glory.

And though Pestilence and Famine, though Rebellion, and, very often, family and personal Distress have threatened me with the ruin of my Felicity, Empire, and Fame, yet, at every such Crisis, hath God graciously interposed: And, *now*, He hath scattered from before me *all* my Enemies, and put an end to *all* my Adversities.—In Health and Peace, in Stability and Triumph, hath He seated me on my Throne—that Throne to
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which I have been exalted by a Miracle of his Goodness, and on which I reign established by the Aid of his Omnipotence.

What shall I render unto my God for all these, and his innumerable other, Benefits towards me?—Shall I present for a Sacrifice, at his Altar, an Hecatomb of Bullocks from my Pastures, or of He-goats out of my Fields?—But—every Beast of the Forest is, already, God's—and the Cattle upon a thousand Hill's? Besides, such lifeless and irrational Oblations are not what THE ALMIGHTY requires.—No.—“ *It is the Man who offereth Praise that glorifies God*”—and “ *the Man that ordereth his Conversation aright, who presents the most acceptable Sacrifice to the Most High.*”—I will, therefore

therefore offer up “ the Sacrifice of *Thanksgiving*” to my GOD.—I will call upon the Name of the LORD with my whole Heart—a Heart glowing, in all her Powers, with a sense of his infinite Goodness—a Heart where my SAVIOUR and my GOD shall forever reign and rule unrivalled—where, henceforth, nothing carnal nor criminal shall inhabit—and from whence nothing shall proceed but Flames of Devotion, ejaculations of Prayer, and Halleluias of Praise—

In my Closet and Solitudes, I have already begun this sweet and sacred Employ.—In my Family, and among my select Friends”—*the EXCELLENT ONES of the Earth,*” it is the Subject of my discourse and my favorite delight.—But as the manifold Deliverances which THE

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ALMIGHTY hath wrought for me have been as public as they are amazing—And as, to public Ordinances and Temple Services, God hath promised his more immediate Presence and his more peculiar Blessing—I shall pay my Vows unto the LORD in the *Assembly* of his People.—I will go up, this very day, to his HOLY TEMPLE, and in the presence of Angels, and of Men, honor him with my loudest Praises, proclaiming what He hath done for His ANOINTED, even for his Servant DAVID.”

This, my Brethern, is a short Sketch of DAVID'S *Gratitude* to God—And, by this devotional Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, He became the Favourite of His Maker, the Glory of His People, and the Terror of his Foes.—It was by the uniform prac-

tice of this pious Conduct that *He* was delivered, by **THE ALMIGHTY**, out of all the Dangers, Difficulties, and Distresses, of his Life—**THAT** *He* obtained a full and final Liberation from all the cruel and long-continued Persecutions of **SAUL**—**THAT** *He* escaped from the Vengeance of **ACHISH**—**THAT** *He* was exalted to the Throne of **ISRAEL**--**THAT** *He* became invincible in Arms—*that* *He* procured, from **GOD**, the removal of a very terrible Pestilence from his Subjects—*that* *He* was pardoned his Connection with **BATHSHEBA**—and the Death of **URIAH**—*And* it was by *His* faithful Perseverance in this religious Gratitude, that, just previous to *his* Composition of the Psalm now before us, the **ALMIGHTY** preserved him from being dethroned

dethroned by His Son ABSALOM; and slain by that hoary Rebel ACHITOPHEL, the JACOBIN of ISRAEL. And is there a Person in this CHAPEL, of any pious or patriotic Principles, who does not approve of this exemplary Gratitude of DAVID to the ALMIGHTY? I cannot imagine there is one.—Why, then, let you and I, “*go and do likewise.*”—And if greater Mercies call for a greater Gratitude, which surely, they do, in what a Blaze of Thanksgiving should our Souls ascend, this forenoon, while, in all their united Ardors, we offer up the Sacrifice of Gratitude to God, “*for all his Benefits towards our EMPIRE, and to Us.*”—

That God's Goodness to DAVID was extraordinary I have allowed—and enlarged on it—But, now my Brethren,

Give me leave to tell You that never could DAVID, in any part of his Life, never, indeed, could any Sovereign or Subject of the JEWISH or GENTILE world, either before, during, or since, that period, boast such a train or quality of Mercies, as have been the Gift of GOD to our FATHERS and to Us--Mercies both TEMPORAL and SPIRITUAL--CIVIL and RELIGIOUS--most of them clearly demonstrative of the Almighty's peculiar Regard for us--and such Mercies as have long exalted our Empire above every other Kingdom of the Earth--and made it the ENVY, the TERROR, and ADMIRATION, of the World.--
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First--But here I must pause--For when the Mercies of GOD to this happy
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and highly favored, Island, are to be the Subject, where shall I, FIRST, begin? They throng in thousands on the Eye of Memory.—How transporting the View! —And nothing could be more pleasing than an Enumeration of them—But “who is sufficient for these things? Who can count the Drops of the Dew, or number the Rain as it falls from Heaven? The Mercies of GOD to ENGLAND are not a Theme for an Hour in this Pulpit—nor for our whole Time or Capacities in this Life—but—for an Eternity in Heaven—nor, though the endless Ages of that Eternity itself—shall we be able to exhaust it.—Such an Enumeration, therefore, I presume not to attempt.—Let me only beg the honor of your Attention, while I select and set
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before You a FEW of the most singular and striking Mercies we enjoy—that is, those RELIGIOUS and CIVIL Mercies which have distinguished our Ancestors and which still distinguish us” “from the Kingdoms around us.”—

I proceed with pleasure to this part of my Discourse—Would to Heaven that the Reflection which must naturally arise, in every thinking Mind, with regard to the Returns which we are making to God for them, could afford us an equal Pleasure. But

FIRST—Allow me to lead back Your Thoughts to that grand--divine, and inestimable Mercy of Heaven to us

THE VERY EARLY PUBLICATION OF
THE GOSPEL OF GOD

in our Island—an Island at that dark
Period

Period of Time, the most superstitious in its Faith, and the most inhuman in its religious Sacrifices of any we read of, in the *Pagan* World. But though our Progenitors were so ignorant and so impious, so unnatural and savage, as to sacrifice "the Seed of their Bodies for the Sins of their Souls"—though they were "Aliens to the commonwealth of ISRAEL—and without God and without Hope in the World"—yet, was "God" most graciously "found of Them," even when They sought him not."—He mercifully signalized his distinguishing regard for THEM by making the Day-spring from on High to visit them," IN THE MORNING OF CHRISTIANITY—"rising up early and sending" forth among them His HOLY APOSTLES and their venerable Mission-

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ARIES, BISHOPS, PRESBYTERS, and DEACONS, to preach to them “the glad Tidings of Salvation,” and all the Doctrines of that divine “Grace and Truth” which were sent down from God to Man, by JESUS CHRIST.

From those heavenly PREACHERS did we receive the most glorious and perfect, the most rational, endearing, and infallible account of GOD—of His Existence and Nature—of his Attributes and Perfections—of His creation and moral Government of the World—of his making MAN—of the high Station he assigned HIM in the grand System of the Universe—of MAN’S FALL—of the End of his Being—and his ultimate Destination. From those AMBASSADORS of GOD, and their Successors, have we received the

most authentic and incontestable Account of that marvellous and heart-captivating Prodigy of God's Love to us, the Redemption of Mankind by JESUS CHRIST—by “God manifest in the Flesh”—Enlightened by His divine Gospel, the meanest Subject of our Empire can, *now*, clearly see what all the optics of PHILOSOPHY, in the zenith of its Lustre, could never discern:—what always confounded “the wisdom of the wise,” in the regions of *Paganism*.---We now see clearly and convincingly—what mode of Worship is most acceptable to *The Great “Father of the Spirits of all Flesh”*---what an infinite Atonement was found necessary to “*justify the ungodly*”---and WHEN, and HOW, and by WHOM---and WHY---it was made.---We, now, know

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that not only our Souls are immortal, but that our Bodies, also, shall be raised up again from the Tombs of Death, and be united with our Souls through all the periods of Eternity.—We have now divine Authority for it, that there is a State of future Rewards and Punishments—and that, at “*the Judgement of the Great Day*,” an Eternity of consummate Happiness will be allotted for the good, and an Eternity of consummate Misery to the bad, of Mankind—That, mean time, to assist and encourage us in practising the Precepts, and performing the Duties, of Christianity, our gracious God hath promised, for CHRIST’s sake, to our Prayers, the Aids and Influences of His HOLY SPIRIT—The Benefit of JESUS’ Advocacy—The Guardianship of His “*Minist’ring*

ministering Angels—The salutary Discipline of HIS PROVIDENCE—The PREACHING of HIS DIVINE WORD—And The sanctified Use of all HIS HOLY ORDINANCES.

Could we, my Brethren, with the Trumpet of that ANGEL who shall awake the Dead to Judgement, call up SOCRATES or CICERO from the Chambers of the Grave, and put this BIBLE into their hands, acquainting them with what A REVELATION FROM HEAVEN it contained; with what a mixture of Astonishment and Rapture—with what an intense Avidity and Eagerness—would they read, and study, and hang over it—till they were lost in a wonder—a gratitude and admiration—something like *that* which we may suppose ENOCH and

ELIJAH felt, in a moment, when they were translated from Earth to Heaven—from the Face of Man to the Vision of God.—What Love, then, what Gratitude, Obédience, and Praise, do we owe to our God for granting us, from our FATHERS, this inestimable Revelation as an UNIVERSAL *common Blessing* among US—A PATRIMONIAL INHERITANCE—an UNALIENABLE RIGHT—which no Man, by our happy CIVIL CONSTITUTION, can deprive us of.—But

This is not all, my Brethren.—For not only hath our beneficent God, The Father and Fountain of all Mercies, “revealed Himself to Us in another way and manner than he hath done to the unhappy Kingdoms of *Idolatry*” and De-
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lusion—to whose shocking Superstitions *our Fore-fathers* were originally enslaved—but *HE* hath also blessed *Us* with a more perspicuous, a more comprehensive, and perfect Revelation of His Will and his Ways, than any He ever granted to the royal Author of my Text, or to any of the *Jews*, of old or modern time—although, once, His peculiar People.

‘The Religion of the *Jews*, or the Law by *MOSES* and the *PROPHETS*’—was, in its best days, no more than a partial, imperfect, and temporary, Dispensation—a Dispensation originally intended, and wisely suited, by *THE ALMIGHTY* to the particular Genius—Situation—Time—and other Circumstances of that celebrated People—It was a Dispensation, as *ST. PAUL* tells us,

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“consisting in Meats and Drinks, and divers Washings, and carnal Ordinances”—imposed, saith God Himself, on that “stiff-necked Race of Men” for “the hardness of their Hearts”—and on account of their Vicinity and Propensity to the Idolatries of the Heathen—in order to preserve them from the enormous Guilt of Idol-worship, and to keep up in their minds a constant and serious Sense of the only TRUE and LIVING GOD.—It was also meant to typify, every day, before them, a more pure, spiritual, and perfect, Dispensation—the time of Reformation”; when “a better Covenant established upon better Promises” should be introduced by The MESSIAH.—The MESSIAH, said DANIEL, was at, his Coming, “to cause

cause the Oblation and the Sacrifice to cease." They were to cease, because the Law being only "a shadow of the good things to come"—an Image of these things of which CHRIST was to exhibit the Body, Truth, and Substance, the REASON of them would cease.—

I might, here give you, did Time permit, a particular and comparative View of the MOSAIC and CHRISTIAN Dispensations—in order to convince you of the pre-eminent excellency of the latter above the former.—But, for an ample and satisfactory account of this, I shall beg leave to recommend, for your reading, the first TEN CHAPTERS, and from the 18th Verse of the 12th Chapter, of ST. PAUL's Epistle to THE HEBREWS, where the Apostle, with his usual Eloquence and Abilities, gives us a

perfect Idea of the JEWISH Dispensation, and unanswerably proves the transcendent preference which is due to the Religion of JESUS.

After you have attentively read and meditated on this, open his other Epistles, and particularly that elegant and sublime one which he addresses to the *Romans*—an Epistle so remarkably comprehensive and instructing that it is justly called, “THE CHRISTIAN’S CONFESSION OF FAITH,” and “THE KEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.”—In the FIRST ELEVEN CHAPTERS of that Epistle, you will find a most masterly and ingenious Discussion of this subject, which terminates, as in that to the HEBREWS, exceedingly in favor of Christianity.—And

If, our matchless Religion so extremely

tremely surpasses *that* of the ancient JEWS,—in its *best days*.; how infinitely must it be preferred to the Superstition of the present Synagogue. For, *now*, they have subjoined to the LAW, as it was at first, given to MOSES, their TARGUM and MISNA—their TALMUD and ORAL LAW.—These They implicitly believe in, and esteem as if they were equally canonical with MOSES and *The* PROPHETS—though they know the latter to have been spoken by the Inspiration of THE HOLY GHOST—and cannot deny that the former are nothing but the Compositions of their most degenerate SANHEDRIMS and RABBI'S.

This verifies *St. Paul's* observation, “That because of their unbelief,” in Jesus, “blindness is inflicted by God

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on ISRAEL" and must continue "till the Fulness of the GENTILES be come in and then," (*We rejoice in the thought!*) ALL ISRAEL shall be saved!"—And

Here, my Brethren, while we adore our God for his superior and discriminating Mercy to our Countrymen and to us—let our Pity shed a Tear over the humiliating degradation, and judicial infidelity of these scattered Tribes.—Let Devotion lift up her Eye to the God of JESUS and of JACOB, and implore of his boundless Goodness to shorten, if possible, the melancholy night of their Darkeness—to wake them by the Trumpet of HIS GOSPEL, from their present Lethargy and Infatuation of Soul—And "removing the Veil" from before their Eyes, give them sav-

ingly to see "the Truth as it is in Christ
JESUS," the true and only MESSIAH!—

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To give an additional Fervor to your
Gratitude to God for the *religious* Be-
nefits *you* enjoy from His distinguishing
Mercy I would proceed, in the next
place, to remind You, of the infinite
obligations we are under to DIVINE PRO-
VIDENCE, who has made it our happy
Lot to be descended of PROTESTANT
Parents—educated in PROTESTANT
Principles—made Members of a PRO-
TESTANT CHURCH—a CHURCH, which
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SHE threw off the PAPAL Yoke) the
GUARDIAN and the GLORY of CHRIS-
TIANITY.—Here I might enter on a
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troverſy, and delineate to you all the Horrors of the *Romiſh* Faith—which when contraſted with all the beauties of the pure, primitive, and perfect, System of THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, would excite in us every ſentiment of Gratitude to GOD and of Veneration for the rational and religious Taſte of our ROYAL and RIGHT REVEREND CHURCH-REFORMERS, but deferring ſuch a Diſcuſſion to a future day, I ſhall only obſerve at preſent, that, after CHRISTIANITY had been, for many Years, eſtabliſhed in ENGLAND, and its Doctrines had been preached, in all their original Simplicity and primitive Purity; though GOD, for the Sins of our Fathers, permitted, for a Time, the Clouds of *Popiſh* Error to eclipse from their View, the Light of

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The Sun of Righteousness,” yet did He deign, in his good time, to dissipate that spiritual Gloom in our religious Hemisphere, and, once more, to illuminate the Minds of some of “*His Chosen*” in this Island, prior to the time of his enlightening the people in any other *papal* Kingdom. By the light of his countenance, and the Omnipotence of his Arm, *He* mercifully effected our Salvation from that Abyfs of monkish Superstition, and diabolical Delusion in which we were immersed by the *Missionaries* of ROME—And He, gradually, gave us, while we were “sitting in *Popish* darkness,” to see again “a great Light”—till, at last, under the auspices of our immortal QUEEN ELIZABETH, the blessed work of

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THE REFORMATION

was perfectly accomplished, and the GOSPEL of CHRIST was, as, adored be Heaven, it is *at this day*, intelligibly, purely, and universally preached in ENGLAND.

During the long, happy, and honorable Reign of that spirited and excellent PRINCESS—A Reign honorable to Herself, and happy for ENGLAND and PROTESTANTISM—need I remind your Gratitude how many public and private attempts were made, by our popish Enemies, to subvert her Government—to cut off her Person—to invade our country and to spoil us, at once, of every Right and Honor, every Privilege civil and religious—and of all we esteem as men—as Englishmen—and as a reformed Church ?

Church? And for her continual triumphs over ROME and SPAIN, and over all the base and bloody Conspiracies of their *Priests* and *Politicians*---against “the Peace of our JERUSALEM,” and our Existence as a FREE People---to what CAUSE shall we ascribe them---but to the GREAT FIRST ONE---to HIM, “*by whom Princes reign*”---to the mighty *Hand and out-stretched Arm of the King of Kings*---who, as the Prophet, in a similar case, expresseth himself, “put his Hook in their Nose, and his Bridle in their Mouth, saying, “Thou shalt not come into *this Kingdom*---nor shoot an Arrow *there*, nor shall any Weapon formed against it prosper.”---And

Can we ever forget the many seasonable and wonderful

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DELIVERANCES,

which our good *God* wrought for us, during the LAST CENTURY? DELIVERANCES from all the shocking Horrors of CIVIL WAR---from the Chaos, the Brutalities and the Butcheries of ANARCHY---from the despotic Tyranny of an unprincipled USURPER and REGICIDE---from the baneful Diffusion of “devouring PESTILENCE”--DELIVERANCES---from the dreadful Ruin intended us by BURNING OUR METROPOLIS---and blowing up the THREE ESTATES of our Empire when in PARLIAMENT assembled---DELIVERANCES from the mean DEGRADATION of our NATIONAL DIGNITY, HONOR, and VIRTUE by the Death of ONE weak PRINCE---And---from *the Loss of all* our RELIGIOUS

GIous and CIVIL LIBERTIES, through the *Popish Bigotry*, and ABDICATION, of ANOTHER—DELIVERANCES these, my Brethern, which were big with a thousand happy Consequences to ENGLAND, and which, by the over-ruling Hand of GOD, proved eventually productive of an ÆRA in our History, for which we ought to bless THE ALMIGHTY to all generations—I mean THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION of 1668,

when our truly patriotic Parliament, and our magnanimous Monarch KING WILLIAM, who was equally a Friend to religious and civil Liberty, gave us THE BILL OF RIGHTS that inestimable Compendium of our *ancient constitutional* Liberties.

Can we ever forget, “ the Benefits of God towards Us” during the highly celebrated, and shining,

REIGN OF QUEEN ANNE !

A reign full of Glories and of the Mercies of God to ENGLAND—While every Walk of *Learning* and *Religion*—of *War* and of *Wisdom*, was crouded with, Personages of the most enlightened Genius—and the most sublime Merit—all “ our *Enemies were clothed with Shame,*” *they were “ humbled to the Dust*”—For by the unparalleled Success of our Arms, by the irresistible Influence of our Politicks and Power in GERMANY—in FRANCE—in ITALY—and in SPAIN—the very name of BRITON commanded an equal degree of Honor and of Awe.—Through the whole lu-
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minous period of this Great PRINCESS's Government, our Crown and our Country effused upon the World an unprecedented Lustre—And “ The LORD did so do all his marvellous Works for us,” that they deserve to be had in grateful Remembrance by *us*, and by our Children forever.—And

Can we ever forget the very happy but very narrow Escape which we had from the Tyranny of ROME, about that dark Hour, when this ROYAL LUMINARY was extinguished by the cold Hand of DEATH—when by the prevailing Eloquence of FRENCH Gold and FRENCH Politics—the Sophistry of JESUITICAL Emissaries, and the treasonable Intrigues of a disaffected *Minister*—we were threatened with a POPISH PRINCE to

our Throne—a PRINCE who would have made Slaves of our Consciences, to the Terrors of his Church, and subjected our Persons and our Properties to the mandates of His Despotism.—

Can we ever forget the Rise and Progress, the Design and final Extinction of THE REBELLIONS in 1715 & 1745? Was not the kind Providence of THE ALMIGHTY evidently visible in terminating both of them: By cutting off the French King, LOUIS XIV. who fomented the FIRST—and by an almost miraculous Interposition of HEAVEN, in bringing, from abroad, the *late* ROYAL CAPTAIN GENERAL of our Army to suppress the LAST of them?—For, what was a most uncommon circumstance, at the Season of the Year in which he embarked,

barked, an EAST-WIND, similar to that which accompanied our former ROYAL WILLIAM — our Revolution-Deliverer from HOLLAND, was observed to blow, for nearly the space of a Month—By which PROVIDENTIAL Gale, and THAT ONLY—His ROYAL HIGHNESS and the Army were enabled to arrive, here, so seasonably, that the whole of our Enemies Designs were compleatly frustrated, and the whole of their military and other Force were speedily and decisively defeated.

In THE WAR PRECEDING
THE LAST,

how numerous and how striking were the Instances which were given us, by our God, of his paternal Care and peculiar Concern, for the Good and the

Glory

Glory of BRITAIN? From how many
 foreign Plots and political Snares, from
 how many national Fears, Dangers, and
 Disgraces, did our ALMIGHTY SOVE-
 REIGN save us? To what an elevated
 Height in the Scale of military, naval,
 and commercial, Glory, did HE exalt
 us? Was there a Quarter of the Globe
 that did not hear of, or see, with an
 equal degree of Astonishment, Wonder,
 and Admiration, our numberless Tro-
 phies and numberless Triumphs? And
 while our vanquished Enemies became
 Bankrupts by our Conquest of their Do-
 minions—by our Defeat of their Armies
 —by our Destruction of their Navy and
 Trade, did not *Heaven* add, exceedingly
 to *our* mercantile Riches, extend our Pu-
 blic Credit—establish our intestine Tran-
 quillity,

quillity, and enable us, during the whole of the War, “ *to sit, in Safety and Peace, each of us under his own Vine, and under his own Fig-tree?* ”—Who but GOD—that great and gracious GOD—who is Governor of the Universe—in whose Hands are the Fate of Empires, and the Hearts of all Men, could inspire our late, brave, King,

GEORGE II.

and his immortal Minister,

THE LATE EARL OF CHATHAM
with Wisdom to plan—or our ADMIRALS and GENERALS with Valor to execute, all the brilliant Atchievements of *that* glorious War?—

And even in

THE LATE WAR,
with the united Powers of FRANCE,
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HOLLAND, SPAIN, and AMERICA, a War the most complicated—extended—and expensive, in which BRITAIN hath, at any time, been involved—though, for our gross Abuse of God's former Mercies to us, he infatuated our Councils at home, and our Commanders abroad, through a great part of it; yet did HE, at last, listen to the ardent Supplications of our pious PATRIOTS and PRIESTS, who were praying “*between the Porch and the Altar*” for their bleeding Country—and send forth, for our national Honor and Salvation,

A RODNEY, and a HOOD,
A HEATHFIELD, and a HUGHES!
Four HEROES of undaunted—disinterested—and truly BRITISH Souls—
PERSONAGES of Sentiments too liberal
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and exalted---of Spirits too honorable and noble---to be connected with the paltry Politics of a desperate and mercenary FACTION---or to be actuated by any Impulse or Motive, but the Interest and the Fame, the Good and Glory of ENGLAND.—It was by the Instrumentality of those great and gallant Veterans, that the LORD OF HOSTS led us on to Victory, and enabled us ultimately to stop the Career---baffle the Designs---and chastise the Insolence of all our numerous Foes---to preserve, too, our Pre-eminence “among the Nations” ---and finally, to bring about a general Peace---And,

For the “GREAT THINGS” which the LORD hath done for us,” since the Ratification of that Peace, what an infi-

nite Gratitude do owe to HIS DIVINE MAJESTY?—A minute Detail of these “*great things*” you cannot expect from me, at our present meeting. It is impossible to crowd such a voluminous Recapitulation, as that would make up, into any single Lecture—Let me, therefore, only ask you, at this time—Whether any of you have ever read or heard of an Empire, in any Age or Quarter of the World, on which THE ALMIGHTY hath bestowed so many, or such eminent, and and inestimable—such extensive and permanent, Blessings, as HE hath conferred on GREAT BRITAIN, both before, and since, the LAST PEACE? Is SHE not, at this moment, THE ARBITRESS OF EUROPE?—THE QUEEN “*of all the Kingdoms of the Earth?*”—The envied
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Wonder of every Nation of the World?
 —What can God himself do more for us than He hath done, and now does, unless he would make us, poor, frail, carnal Creatures, of *Matter* and *Sense*, capable of enjoying while on this lower dusky Planet, all the Purities and the Pleasures of Paradise?—But say—Has God withheld from us, *collectively* considered, any Honor—any Power—any national Comfort, or Convenience—any Greatness or Grandeur, any Privilege or Possession---any Right or Liberty, that is *necessary* to constitute a perfect national Felicity, for MORTAL Man in this State of Probation and Imperfection?—Has not THE ALMIGHTY given us a

CHURCH,
 whose evangelical Lustre shines among

the other ecclesiastic Lights of Christendom, as the Moon in her full Splendor does among the Stars of Heaven?—HER DOCTRINES are pure as the GOSPEL of GOD itself—HER FAITH is an exact Transcript of that DIVINE FAITH which JESUS delivered by HIS APOSTLES, to the primitive Saints.—HER BISHOPS and *inferior* MINISTERS, “ *take them all in all,*” always have been, since THE REFORMATION, and are, *at this day,* the most learned and pious, the most moderate and mild, the most peaceable and religiously accomplished Men the World have ever seen, since the days of the APOSTLES—nor even in *their* days, nor in any succeeding period of CHRISTIANITY, does History, either sacred or profane, inform us of any Church, how-
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ever large its Extent, whose MINISTERS, of every Rank, have been so honored, by GOD, in converting Souls to CHRIST, as the CLERGYMEN of The CHURCH OF ENGLAND have been, by their matchless WRITINGS *in Defence of Christianity*, and by the Energies of their Reasoning and Eloquence in the PULPIT—and in PRIVATE LIFE?—And

MY BRETHREN, what people on Earth hath GOD ever blessed with such a *political*

CONSTITUTION

as He hath favored Us? It is a political Structure to which no Age nor people have been ever able to erect a parallel. It is a Model of national Government contrived with such profound Wisdom and Judgment, and finished in
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such an accurate and complete manner in all its parts, that it never can admit of any **ESSENTIAL** Improvement.—It is a system, compounded of every thing that is excellent in all the different forms and various kinds of civil polity.—It so finely tempered, so ingeniously blended, so dexterously constructed, and so amazingly comprehensive, that it partakes of ever Advantage belonging to those several Forms, without being liable to the Defects or Inconveniences peculiar to, and inseparable from each.—It is a noble Fabric where not only the **ORDERS** of Government, are perfect, but the **POWERS** likewise, while which each **ESTATE** is separately vested, are so precisely adjusted, and so equally distributed, as to check and controul, without crossing

crossing upon, or interfering with one another—"It is," as a foreign Writer * expresses it, "so delicately poised between THE SOVEREIGN and THE SUBJECT that, amidst all the Agitations which are the unavoidable Attendants of LIBERTY, the ROYAL POWER, like an Anchor, which resists both by its weight and the depth of its hold, insures a salutary Steadiness to the great Vessel of the State."—

Is there any thing in any of the NEW CONSTITUTIONS, -- in the political World, which indicates the smallest degree of legislative knowledge, or political Wisdom, or that has any tendency to promote the Virtue, Liberty, or happiness, of the World, or of their own

* De Lolme.

Subjects

Subjects, but in those LAWS and DECREES which they have copied from THE UNEQUALLED CONSTITUTION of ENGLAND?

AS TO FRANCE,

She has no political CONSTITUTION at all—unless we allow the frantic Determinations of a lawless *Banditti* of REPUBLICANS to be a CONSTITUTION—and grant that *Anarchy*---*Sacrilege*---*Massacre*---*Robbery*---*Regicide*---*Tyranny*----*Ignorance* ---- and every species of *Cruelty* and *Criminality*---are the Constituents of Civil Government. But such, in fact, is the only kind of Government, under which the unhappy people, of that distracted and debased Kingdom, do, at this moment,
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groan—nor are they likely to enjoy a better regulated, nor a more orderly and mild, one, till HEAVEN bring about such a COUNTER-REVOLUTION among them, as will crush to Annihilation, in the Ruins of their CONVENTIONAL Fabric, every *Federate* and *Jacobin* of their Empire.---With what a melancholy-pleasing Contrast does PROVIDENCE, here present us, between the national Miseries of the many Millions of wretched FRANCE, and the Happiness we enjoy under OUR MONARCHICAL Government and OUR glorious CONSTITUTION! While every FRENCHMAN of Dignity and Fortune—of Worth and of Virtue—is obliged to fly from his Country and Estate, to a foreign Land, for personal Safety; or, at the hourly peril of

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his Life, to remain in that Kingdom, without daring to write, or to speak, or to act, in order to obtain any Redress—every Man, of every Rank, in ENGLAND is solacing himself, with his Family, and his Friends, in the Sunshine of LIBERTY ! His Person, his Property, his Honor, his Character, his Rights, of every kind, are secured, by LAW, to him—while Peace and Prosperity, with all their concomitant Blessings, are diffused, universally, around him : And thank HEAVEN, we enjoy, too, to give a luxurious ZEST to these Blessings, TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT to guarantee and preserve them to us—a PARLIAMENT composed—not of the *scum* of Mankind, like the PARISIAN-CONVENTION, but of PERSONAGES of the
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first Quality of the Empire—MEN as illustrious for Wisdom and political Science, as they are dignified and pre-eminent in point of Fortune, Family, and the Feelings of Humanity, Justice, and genuine Patriotism. To perfect our Felicity, we have

A GOOD KING,

(May God long preserve HIM!) who makes our CONSTITUTION and LAWS the Rule of HIS Conduct, the Prosperity of his People the Study of HIS Life, and their LIBERTY and PRIVILEGES the Glory of HIS Reign.

Such—and infinitely better than I can speak of them—are the KING, the CHURCH—and CONSTITUTION—with which God hath blessed ENGLAND!—And may OMNIPOTENCE place his An-

gels of Salvation, like a Wall of Fire, around our happy Island, and continue these Blessings to every Inhabitant of it —while “ *Sun and Moon endure !* ” —

I might, now, point the Attention of your Gratitude to the very flourishing State of all our MANUFACTORIES, COLONIES, COMMERCE, NAVIGATION, TRADE, AGRICULTURE, and of all the POLITE ARTS—whereby so many hundred thousands of our Fellow-subjects, who live by manual Industry and bodily Labor, are comfortably supported:—But, our Time being spent, I must deny myself the pleasure of enlarging on these, and of mentioning many other distinguishing Mercies, with which we are favored by HEAVEN——till another Day.

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There is one, however, which I cannot, with any degree of propriety, delay, to a future day, and that is the very recent

DELIVERANCE

we have had, by the kind PROVIDENCE of The ALMIGHTY, from the Horrors of a treasonable INSURRECTION—the SUBVERSION of our CONSTITUTION, in Church and State—and all the consequent Carnage of a CIVIL WAR.

For executing this diabolical Design, a certain description of our pretended Patriots, Men of abandoned, desperate, Characters, were engaged in a Conspiracy with a Cargo of French Incendiaries, who, for several Years, have been, annually, smuggled into GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, on purpose to
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few Discontent, Sedition and Treason, among the vulgar and the weak, the versatile and the wicked, of these Kingdoms.—By Perseverance, by FRENCH Gold, by a thousand plausible Falsehoods, and Forgeries of Letters, by many inflammatory and seditious Publications which the FRENCH principal REVOLUTIONISTS directed and paid, and by that peculiar, artful, kind of Sophistry, which is apt to work, with effect, on Minds of the cast I have mentioned, they had, at last, made so many *Apostates*, that they begun, in all the Companies to which they had admission, to speak, and write, and glory in the Guilt of, High-Treason.—They, now, thought themselves so certain of a *Gallic* military Aid, and of a numerous Army of the poor foolish Men whom

whom they had infatuated in *this*, and our two neighboring Kingdoms, that Day and Place, we are assured, were actually appointed for erecting the Standard of REBELLION.—But, as HEAVEN would have it, just at this Crisis, the MINISTRY, who had, now, received Intelligence of their Intentions, encircled the METROPOLIS so judiciously, so quickly, and so seasonably, with His Majesty's Troops, that the LONDON SQUAD of these frenchified *Renegades*, thought proper to lower the Tone of their boasting, and ever since to affect a *Show* of Loyalty, and to “*sign away*,” as one of their Patrons says he desired them, at all the subscribing Offices of our *truly* LOYAL ASSOCIATIONS—in order to deceive the Public, and screen their DISLOYALTY,

TY, till a more favorable opportunity should offer—And

Here, before I conclude, permit me, very earnestly, to recommend, to a place among your Prayers of Gratitude, not only our MINISTERS OF STATE, for the good part they have so meritoriously performed, in our DELIVERANCE from the Dangers and Destruction I have just treated of—but let me, also, beg your warmest Acknowledgments and Thanks to God, for inspiring those NOBLEMEN, GENTLEMEN, and CLERGYMEN, who preside in our numerous

LOYAL ASSOCIATIONS,

And all those Millions of every Rank, who, at this delicate point of Time, have nobly and boldly come forward, and in the Face of FRANCE, of EUROPE,

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and of all our own disappointed REPUBLICANS, have subscribed to the Government of a KING—and COMMONS—and the Support and Defence of THEM, with our CHURCH and CONSTITUTION, at the hazard of of their Fortunes and their Lives—And every CHAIRMAN, and every SUBSCRIBER, of those Affociations merits our high Esteem:—But, particularly, that worthy, public—spirited, true, Patriot,

MR. REEVES,

Who first aroused, and led out into the PUBLIC PRESENCE this national zeal, this universal Ardor of LOYAL Profession and sacred Engagements. By taking his Hand in the front of OUR invincible PHALANX of LOYALISTS, at such an alarming and important juncture, he did

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a great and glorious Act of Public Service;
 —And every Friend to MONARCHY and
 ORDER, to LIBERTY and to Domest-
 tic PEACE—ought to praise and respect
 Him.—His manly and honorable Con-
 duct is not only a lesson to every Subject
 in ENGLAND, of the present Age, but
 will be a Pattern for every Gentleman of
 loyal Principles, in the Days of our Pos-
 terity.—For, as long as the present His-
 tory of ENGLAND will be read, so long
 will His Fame be immortalized, and
 His Memory be blessed, by every true
 BRITON.

I conclude all with intreating You to
 remember, while you live, the Doctrine I
 have so fully and frequently reminded
 you of, this Day—GRATITUDE to GOD
“for all his Benefits towards you”—All

due Submission and LOYALTY to your KING--And an inviolable Attachment to your national CONSTITUTION:—always remembering, too, that of those People to whom much is given, by the ALMIGHTY, of THEM, much will be, ONE DAY, required---May God impress indelibly, on the Mind of us all, this awful Consideration---and, enabling us to live under a continual Sense of all his mercies to us, to make a sanctified Use of them!

AMEN!

...and Liberty to
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